

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joey Yao Reg. No. 63,810 on 12/4/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled.

In Claim 16, replace "a plurality of gaming terminals for playing" with – a plurality of gaming terminals that play --, replace "said plurality of gaming terminals capable of achieving" with – said plurality of gaming terminals configured to achieve --, and replace "a display for displaying" with – a display that displays --.

In Claim 25, replace "a payout amount corresponding with" with – a payout amount corresponding to --, and replace "a display for displaying a pay table with" with – a display that displays a pay table that includes --, and replace "apportioning said wager inputs" with – apportioning, using a controller, said wager inputs --, and replace "said

progressive awards being continuously displayed in a pay table" with – said progressive awards being continuously displayed in said pay table --.

Claims 30-31 have been cancelled.

Claims 36-41 have been cancelled.

Claims 50-53 have been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art for the features of the claimed invention are Piechowiak et al. (US Patent 6,012,982; hereinafter Piechowiak), Olsen (US Patent 6,146,273), Shuster (US Patent 7,465,229), and Xidos et al. (US Patent 5,851,149; hereinafter Xidos).

However, Piechowiak alone or in combination with Olsen, Shuster and Xidos does not disclose a gaming system and method of executing a wagering game in a gaming system that includes a controller and plural gaming terminals, **wherein** the plural gaming terminals receive wagers from players of each gaming terminal that achieves plural outcomes that each have a corresponding payout amount, **or in other words**, a payout amount corresponds to each plural winning outcome, and include a

display that displays a pay table that includes each plural winning outcome and the corresponding payout amount, **wherein** the majority of payout amounts each provide different corresponding progressive awards that are displayed in a pay table, **and wherein** when the controller receives a wager input from one of the plural gaming terminals, the controller allocates or apportions portions of the wager input among the progressive awards and updates the corresponding progressive awards displayed in the pay table as the pay table is continuously displayed and as the progressive awards are increased. Thus, the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious over the closest prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARTHUR O. HALL whose telephone number is (571)270-1814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:00 pm, Alt Fri, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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